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Application No.

09/724,268

Examiner

NARESH VIG

Applicant(s)

MILMAN ET AL.

Art Unit

3629

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication received 12 March 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 86-121, 124 and 125.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 20080312
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

/Naresh Vig/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3629

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is in reference to communication received 12 March 2008.

#### ***Drawings***

The drawings have been approved by the examiner.

#### ***Reason For Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's invention is system and method for a real estate professional to keep track of what properties are viewed by their clients on a real estate information database like a Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Real estate professional creates an account for each of their clients to enable them to access the Real Estate Information Database, and provides the client specific account access information to their clients. Real estate information accessed by clients and real estate professional are monitored and stored in the system.

When clients accesses the real estate information database using their provided account access information provided by the real estate professional, said clients actions are monitored and stored in the system and said client specific stored access information can be accessed and reviewed by the real estate professional of the client.

When a real estate professional accesses the real estate database, said real estate professional's actions are also monitored and stored in the system. Any real estate information accessed by the real estate professional for a specific client is monitored and stored in the system.

When one of the clients of the real estate professional accesses the system, said client specific real estate professional actions stored in the system are provided to said client, and when the real estate professional accesses the system, said real estate professional is provided with the stored client specific access information of all the clients of the real estate professional.

#### ***EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT***

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was done following a telephone interview with Naveen Modi (Reg. No. 46,224) on 20 June 2008.

**Claims 47 – 85**

**Cancelled**

**Claims 122 - 123 and 126 – 128**

**Cancelled**

**Claim 86.**

A computer-implemented method of providing client-accessed real estate information to a real estate professional associated with a first client and a second client, and for providing professional-accessed real estate information to the first client and the second client, the method comprising:

connecting to a database of real estate information;

providing the professional with access to the real estate information;

storing a first account for the first client and a second account for the second client, the first account and the second account being authorized by the professional;

providing the first client with access to the first account and providing the second client with access to the second account;

providing the first client, when accessing the first account, with access to the real estate information;

providing the second client, when accessing the second account, with access to the real estate information;

monitoring actions of the professional while the professional is accessing the real estate information;

monitoring actions of the first client while the first client is accessing the first account;

monitoring actions of the second client while the second client is accessing the second account;

generating and storing professional-accessed real estate information for the first client and the second client in response to the actions of the professional as the professional reviews the real estate information;

generating and storing first client-accessed real estate information real estate information in response to the actions of the first client;

generating and storing second client-accessed real estate information in response to the actions of the second client;

providing at least some of the professional-accessed real estate information for the first client to the first client and at least some of the professional-accessed real estate information for the second client to the second client, thereby providing the first client and the second client with knowledge of the actions of the real estate professional.

### **Claim 93.**

The method of claim 86 wherein ~~at least some of the agent's clients are buyers~~ the first client is a buyer and the second client is a buyer or a seller, the method ~~[[and]]~~ further comprising generating ~~for each of a plurality of an agent's buyers~~ a buyer list of potential properties and property ~~their~~ characteristics in response to a request by the professional agent and wherein the professional-accessed agent-supplied real estate information reviewable by the ~~a particular~~ buyer includes the buyer ~~buyer's~~ list ~~generated for that particular buyer.~~



**Claim 99.**

The method of claim 86 wherein the monitored actions of the professional includes entering a message to be considered by the first client and wherein the professional-accessed real estate information reviewable by the first client includes the message.

**Claim 110.**

The method of claim 86 wherein the first ~~one or more of the agent's~~ client is a seller and the second client is a buyer or a seller.

**Claim 118.**

The method of claim 86 further comprising enabling the professional or the first client to enter tasks, compiling the tasks, and enabling the professional and the first client to review the tasks.

**Claim 124.**

A computer-readable medium for storing instructions which, when executed on a processor, perform a computer-implemented method of providing client-accessed real estate information to a real estate professional associated with a first client and a

second client, and for providing professional-accessed real estate information to the first client and the second client, the method comprising:

- connecting to a database of real estate information;

- providing the professional with access to the real estate information;

- storing a first account for the first client and a second account for the second client, the first account and the second account being authorized by the professional;

- providing the first client with access to the first account and providing the second client with access to the second account;

- providing the first client, when accessing the first account, with access to the real estate information;

- providing the second client, when accessing the second account, with access to the real estate information;

- monitoring actions of the professional while the professional is accessing the real estate information;

- monitoring actions of the first client while the first client is accessing the first account;

- monitoring actions of the second client while the second client is accessing the second account;

- generating and storing professional-accessed real estate information for the first client and the second client in response to the actions of the professional as the professional reviews the real estate information;

generating and storing first client-accessed real estate information real estate information in response to the actions of the first client;

generating and storing second client-accessed real estate information in response to the actions of the second client;

providing at least some of the first client-accessed real estate information and at least some of the second client-accessed real estate information to the professional, thereby providing the professional with knowledge of the actions of the first client and the actions of the second client; and

providing at least some of the professional-accessed real estate information for the first client to the first client and at least some of the professional-accessed real estate information for the second client to the second client, thereby providing the first client and the second client with knowledge of the actions of the real estate professional.

**Claim 125.**

A system for providing client-accessed real estate information to a real estate professional associated with a first client and a second client, and for providing professional-accessed real estate information to the first client and the second client, the system comprising:

a server;

a communications circuit for connecting the server to the internet;

a component for connecting to a database of real estate information;

a component for providing the professional with access to the real estate information;

a component for storing a first account for the first client and a second account for the second client on the server, the first account and the second account being authorized by the professional;

a component for providing the first client with access to the first account and providing the second client with access to the second account;

a component for providing the first client, when accessing the first account, with access to the real estate information;

a component for providing the second client, when accessing the second account, with access to the real estate information;

a component for monitoring actions of the professional while the professional is accessing the real estate information;

a component for monitoring actions of the first client while the first client is accessing the first account;

a component for monitoring actions of the second client while the second client is accessing the second account;

a component for generating and storing professional-accessed real estate information for the first client and the second client in response to the actions of the professional as the professional reviews the real estate information;

a component for generating and storing first client-accessed real estate information real estate information in response to the actions of the first client;

a component for generating and storing second client-accessed real estate information in response to the actions of the second client;

a component for providing at least some of the first client-accessed real estate information and at least some of the second client-accessed real estate information to the professional, thereby providing the professional with knowledge of the actions of the first client and the actions of the second client; and

a component for providing at least some of the professional-accessed real estate information for the first client to the first client and at least some of the professional-accessed real estate information for the second client to the second client, thereby providing the first client and the second client with knowledge of the actions of the real estate professional.

Prior teaches professional creating accounts for their clients, providing account access information to their clients, providing information stored on the system when a client accesses the system using the provided account information, said system monitoring and storing said client's actions and providing said client's access information to the professional.

Prior art does not teach said system monitoring professional's actions when the professional accesses the system, and storing professional accessed information specific to the of the client of the professional, thereby, when a client of the professional accesses the system, professional accessed information to the specific client is provided to the client.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NARESH VIG whose telephone number is (571)272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 7:00 - 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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